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SUBJECT: JAPANESE INQUIRY ON IBM ANTITRUST SUIT

REF: OECD PARIS 19721

1. JAPANESE DEL HAS ASKED FOR REPORT ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN IBM ANTI-TRUST CASE, SAYING THAT IN BILATERAL TALKS LAST SUMMER IN TOKYO IT WAS AGREED THAT MATTER WOULD BE FOLLOWED IN WASHINGTON AND PARIS. HE ASKED THAT WE REITERATE HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN, ADDING THAT JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON WAS BEING INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH DEPARTMENT.

2. USDEL POINTED OUT THAT BEST PLACE TO MAKE INQUIRY IS WASHINGTON AND SAID THAT HE WAS UNINFORMED OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. HE PROMISED, HOWEVER, TO CONVEY JAPANESE DEL'S CONCERN AND RELAY TO HINANY NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: INFORM USDEL OF ANY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WE MAY PASS ON TO JAPANESE DEL, BEARING IN MIND JAPANESE CONCERN OVER DISCLOSURES OF COCOM DOCUMENTS.

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